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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Ramon Reyes Venegas, who passed away on September 13, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Ramon Reyes Venegas was born in Ocotlan, Jalisco, Mexico on January 15, 1948; he migrated to the United States in the 1969; and

WHEREAS, Ramon Reyes Venegas was a beloved community restaurateur known for serving birria, a traditional Mexican dish his family has cooked and sold for over 100 years; he opened his first restaurant, Birrieria Ocotlan, on South Commercial Avenue in Chicago in 1973, and he later opened a second location on East 106th Street in 1992; more recently, his signature fare was honored as one of the best 26 dishes at restaurants across the U.S. by the New York Times in 2024; and

WHEREAS, Ramon Reyes Venegas loved learning, traveling, and making and sharing his family's traditional birria recipe; and

WHEREAS, Ramon Reyes Venegas was a great businessman, a loving and devoted husband and father, and a cherished and loved grandfather; he never met a stranger, and he was a firm

1 believer in doing good for others without expecting anything
2 in return; and

3 WHEREAS, Ramon Reyes Venegas is survived by his wife,
4 Herlinda Reyes; his children, Teresa, Veronica, Ivoni, and
5 Andres; and three grandchildren; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
8 Ramon Reyes Venegas and extend our sincere condolences to his
9 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Ramon Reyes Venegas as an
13 expression of our deepest sympathy.